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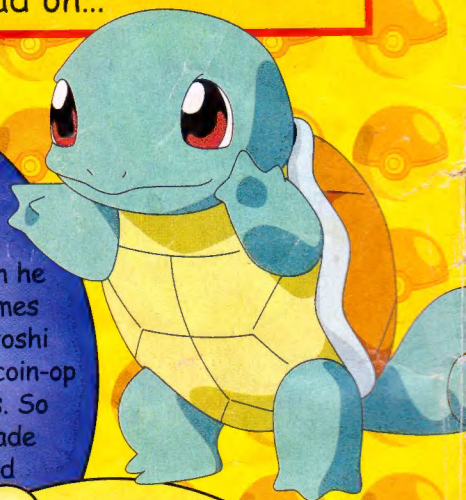
THE HISTORY OF Pokémon

Pokémon are everywhere, and no-one can resist their charms. But have you ever wondered where these curious characters come from? All budding Pokémon Masters should read on...



1 BUGGIN' OUT

Legend has it that the idea behind Pokémon was unknowingly hatched in the mid-1970s by a bug collector called Satoshi Tajiri. Although he loved his insects, when the video games craze took off in the early '80s, Satoshi squashed his bug habit in favour of coin-op machines down at the arcades. So great was his passion for arcade games that, in 1982, Satoshi and friends decided to start a video games tips magazine called GameFreak.



2 THE NEXT STEP

The next chapter in the Pokémon story was the release of Nintendo's Game Boy in 1990. The GameFreak crew took it upon themselves to buy one of these new hand-helds and dismantle it to see how it worked. From here they began work on their own bug-catching game, where people could use the link cable to swap their trapped insects. With the Pokémon concept firmly in the creative pipeline, Satoshi sold his idea to the creators of the Game Boy - Nintendo.



3 THE FIRST SUCCESS

Creating the Pokémon game was a massive task for GameFreak, and it took six years for them to complete it. In 1996, the Red and Green (yes, GREEN) versions were released in Japan. And, as electrifying Pikachus would have it, the Japanese went absolutely mad for it. After only 12 months on the shelves, the Pokémon game sold over four million copies.

4 ON THE BOX

With Pokémon going from strength to strength on Japanese Game Boys, GameFreak was approached in 1997 and asked to license a Pokémon cartoon series. Satoshi agreed, but rather than just use this as a piggy-bank filler, forced the cartoon's creators to play through the Pokémon game so they could understand the concept behind Pokémon. This helped them to create one of the most appealing (and rather successful) cartoons of all time.

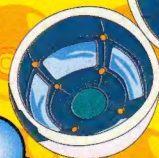
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THE END?

From collecting insects in matchboxes to pocket monsters in Game Boys, Satoshi had created one of the biggest crazes in the universe. But just how long can Pokémon last? At the moment, Pokémon continues to evolve. More games, more films, more cartoons and more Pokémon are all just around the corner, so it seems we can rest assured Pikachu and his pals will be around for a long while yet...

5 WHERE TO NOW?

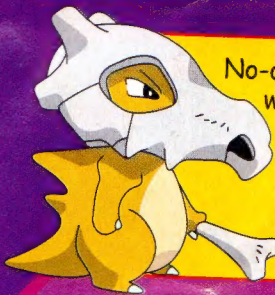
It wasn't long before Pikachu and friends travelled to new shores. Their first stop was the USA, launching the cartoon and then the Red and Blue (replacing the Green version) Game Boy games. Once again, Pokémon exploded like an angry Voltorb and took the country by storm. Eventually, Pokémon arrived in the UK and we all know what happened then - total Poké-mayhem. World domination is now only a formality for Pokémon as the adventures of Ash and friends travel the globe.



POKÉFACTS

If you want to be a true Pokémon master, you're going to have to do some homework! Read up and amaze your friends with these super PokéFacts from the Pokémon Masters.

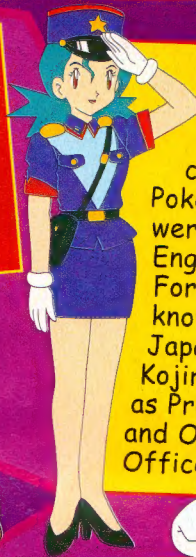
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No-one has even seen what a Cubone looks like. The skull mask it always wears is said to be from an extinct Pokémon.

PokéFact

Pokémon was originally called Pocket Monster in Japan, but it was changed for the English market because the name was too similar to another toy series called Monster In Your Pocket.

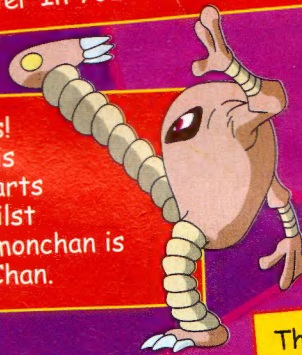


Bet ya didn't know that the names of the characters in the Pokémon cartoon were changed for English audiences! For starters, Ash is known as Satoshi in Japan, James as Kojiro, Professor Oak as Professor Okido, and Officer Jenny as Officer Junsu.

PokéFact

Pokémon is currently the best-selling Game Boy title of all time, beating even the likes of Super Mario Bros. and Legend Of Zelda: Link's Awakening.

Martial arts monsters! The leggy Hitmonlee is named after martial arts legend Bruce Lee, whilst fisticuff fighter Hitmonchan is named after Jackie Chan.



PokéFact

Do you know which was the first Pokémon seen on the cartoon? Apparently it's a tie between the nasty Nidorino and the ghoulish Gengar.

The swirl on Poliwhirl's belly changes direction when he evolves into a Poliwhag. We just get dizzy looking at them!



Have you ever wondered where the names of Ekans and Arbok came from? Try spelling them backwards, and you get Snake and Kobral!



The flames on the tip of the Charmander, Charmeleon and Charizard's tails are not just there for lighting fires! Oh no, it also indicates how healthy they are - if it extinguishes, the cheeky orange chaps will pass out!



PokéFact

Pokémon: The Electric Tale Of Pokémon was America's best-selling comic book when it was released. It even outsold Batman, Spider-Man and The X-Men!

PokéFact

The doughnuts you see the kids eat in the cartoon are not like the ones you get at the cake shop... they're actually riceballs! When the Japanese was dubbed over for English audiences, the producers decided that doughnuts would be more appropriate.

PokéFact

The PlayStation may well be the most successful games console ever, but more people bought Pokémon in America during Christmas '98 than any PlayStation game. Take that, Crash Bandicoot!

Jesse and James from Team Rocket are only 17 years-old! What do their parents think about these unruly teenagers?



PokéFact

Forget the Millennium Dome, the Japanese are building a Pokémon theme park in Tokyo. Have they gone completely Pokémad... Actually, where's our one, Mr Blair?

Did you know that Pikachu was the best-selling toy in Japan during 1997? This no doubt proves that the little yellow rodent is everyone's fave Pokémon!





THIS IS POKÉMON

THE NEXT GENERATION!

Have you caught 'em all? Are you a Pokémon master who has completed both Pokémon Red & Blue, and is waiting for the sequel? Well, Game Boy Power is proud to bring you the first info on Pokémon Gold and Silver!

Gold & Silver

MEET YOUR FIRST new POKÉMON



PIKA, PIKA.. PICHUU?

There was no way that Nintendo was going to release a Pokémon game without Pikachu. Yep, in a clever bit of designing, Pokémon Gold and Silver will allow you to catch a baby Pikachu, called Pichu. Ahhh, ain't he cute?

Just like Pokémon Red and Blue, you get to choose between three different starting Pokémon in Pokémon Gold and Silver. There's Grass-type Chikorita, Fire-type Hinoarashi, and Water-type Wainiko. The last one evolves into a big dinosaur that looks just like Godzilla!



PREHISTORIC POKÉMON!



After its starring role in the cartoon, and brief appearance in Pikachu's Vacation, you will finally be able to catch and train a Togepi! This prehistoric Pokémon was supposed to be extinct...but not any more! Togepi also evolves into a Togechikku, which looks like a Dodo with wings.

BABY POKÉMON

A baby Pikachu isn't the only nappy-wearing Pokémon on offer in Pokémon 2. Here are just four of the other five baby Pokés - there's also a

baby Electabuzz to be discovered too!

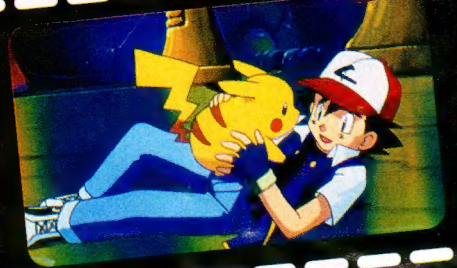
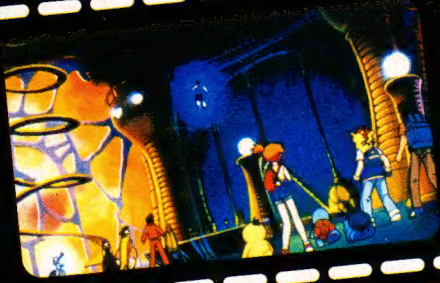
WHENZ IT COMIN'?

Whilst the game has been on sale in Japan since November '99, Nintendo told Game Boy Power that it intends to release both Pokémon Gold and Silver in the UK during December... Hey, that's just in time for Christmas!

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THE FIRST movie

You need a big screen for a big adventure and this is certainly the biggest adventure that Ash, Pikachu and their pals have had yet. We were first in, with our popcorn buckets overflowing...



In an attempt to create the most powerful Pokémon in the entire universe, a group of scientists have cloned the DNA from the mysterious 151st Pokémon - Mew. What they have created with this is the mighty psychic Pokémon - Mewtwo. However, Mewtwo is unhappy at being cloned and decides to take his revenge on both humans and Pokémon alike.



Mewtwo lures the toughest Pokémon trainers to his remote island (New Island) where he plans to steal their Pokémon and clone them, making his own army of super-strong Pokémon to unleash upon the world. What Mewtwo doesn't expect is the courage of Ash and Pikachu, and the arrival of Mew. The future of Pokémon doesn't look bright - Mewtwo is one seriously tough, bio-engineered Pokémon. The fate of Pokémon can only be decided by the ultimate Pokémon battle...



What We Thought

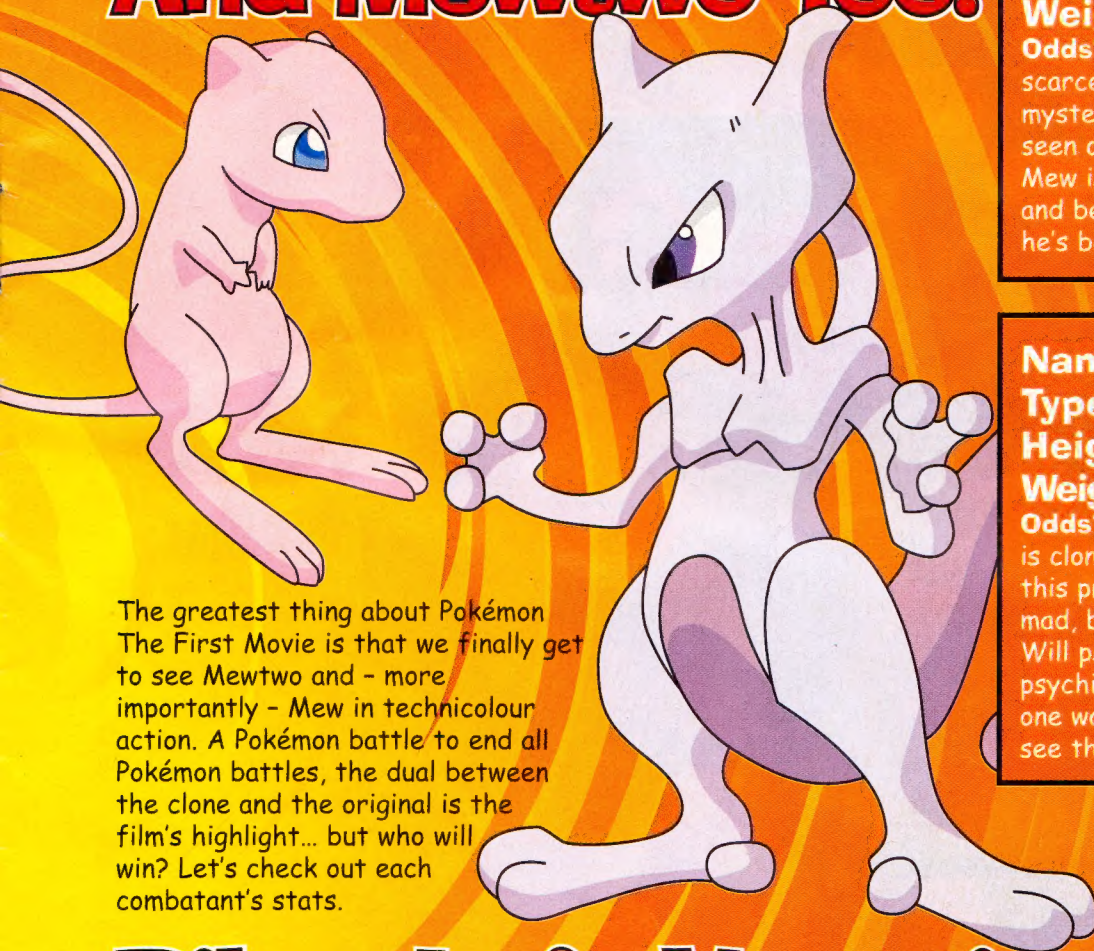
It was ace to see Mew in action; he's a really loveable Pokémon with the squeakiest of 'mmmmmmmmeww's. There's plenty of fun and adventure, with most of the characters from the series making an appearance. The final battle is really nail-biting stuff, but we're not going to tell you what happens...just make sure you take some tissues with you! If you love Pokémon, you've got to see this movie. If you don't love Pokémon, see the movie anyway and you'll soon learn to love 'em all!

MATT AND BEN MEET CHARMANDER



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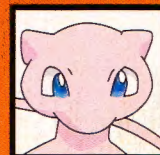
Meet Mew... And Mewtwo Too!



The greatest thing about Pokémon The First Movie is that we finally get to see Mewtwo and - more importantly - Mew in technicolour action. A Pokémon battle to end all Pokémon battles, the dual between the clone and the original is the film's highlight... but who will win? Let's check out each combatant's stats.

Name: Mew
Type: Psychic
Height: 1' 6"
Weight: 9 Ibs

Odds?: This ultra scarce Pokémon is surrounded in mystery, as hardly anyone has ever seen one. He may well be tiny but Mew is certainly a heavy-hitter, and besides, he's the good guy, so he's bound to win... right?



Name: Mewtwo
Type: Psychic
Height: 6' 7"
Weight: 269 Ibs

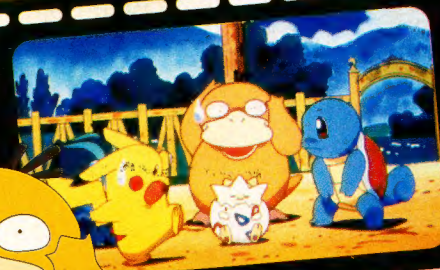
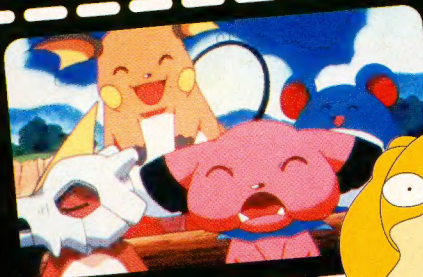
Odds?: Although he is cloned from the diminutive Mew, this product of weird science is mad, bad and dangerous to know! Will psychic-powered evil overcome psychic-powered good? There's only one way to find out - and that's to see the movie!



Pikachu's Vacation

Double helpings of Pokémon movie madness! Not only are we treated to our first Pokémon movie, but we also get a 22 minute cartoon called Pikachu's Vacation. We get to see what Pokémon get up to when they take a break at the Pokémon Park, away from their trainers. Sounds peaceful? Well, it is until Pikachu's pals (Squirtle, Bulbasaur, Psyduck and Togepi)

have a run in with Raichu, Cubone and two brand new Pokémon - Snubbull and Marill. Get ready for some typically Pokémon antics, as the two groups try to get the better of each other, but only succeed in bringing total chaos to the peace of Pokémon Park.



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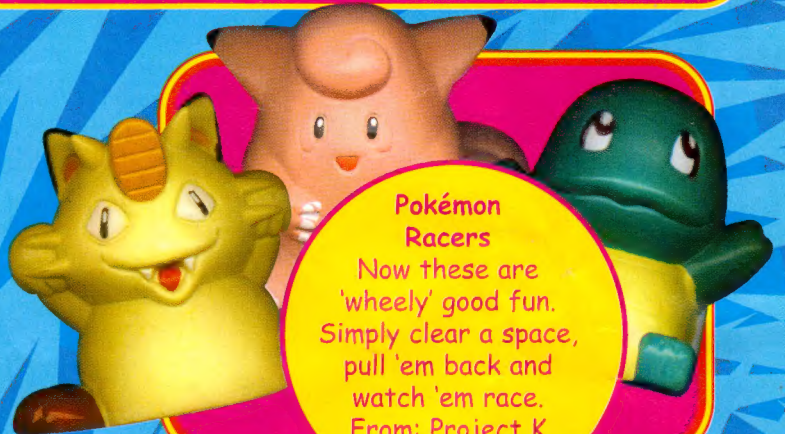
Have you been to the shops lately? Seen anything you like? Well, there's tons of Pokémon stuff out there and we've been on a Poké-mental shopping spree. Here's some of the stuff we came home with.



Pokémon Stickers

Are you stuck on Pokémon? Why not get Pokémon stuck elsewhere with these sparkly, spunky and ever so fancy stickers.

From: Project K



Pokémon Racers

Now these are 'wheely' good fun. Simply clear a space, pull 'em back and watch 'em race.

From: Project K

Pikachu Radio Pal

Pikachu killed the radio star. No he didn't! In fact, this is his very own FM radio, complete with mini-headphones.

From: Tiger Electronics



Meowth Light-up Keychain

We knew we had to get this when we saw it in the 'cat'-alogue. Keep your keys tidy and see Meowth light-up when he gets moved around.

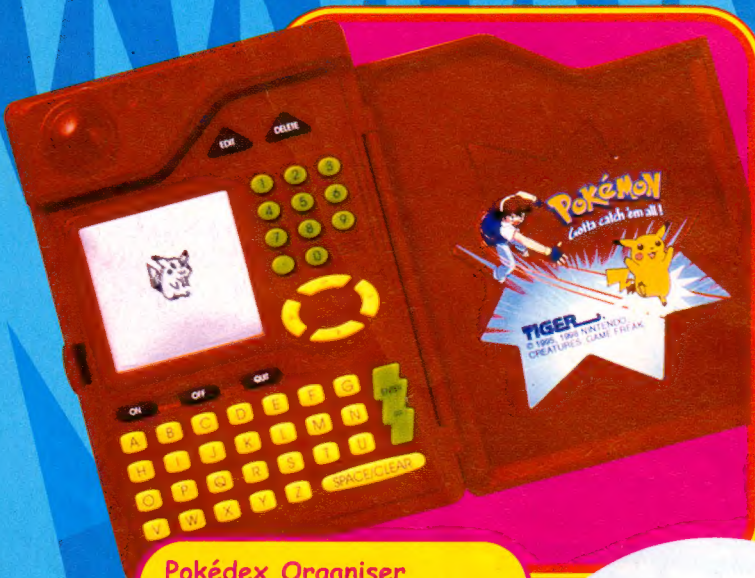
From: Tiger Electronics



Pokédex Organiser

Got your Pokémon in a bit of a pickle? This little beauty will help you get all 151 Pokémon back in order.

From: Tiger Electronics



Poké Ball Light

Don't be in the dark about your Pokémon - shed some light on the subject with this wicked Poké Ball light.

From: Tiger Electronics





Pokémon Battle Arena
Does lightning strike in the same place twice? Meowth hopes it won't in this cool Pikachu Vs Meowth battle game.
From: Tiger Electronics



Pikachu RC Car
Vroom! Vroom! How shocking, it's a radio-controlled Pikachu car complete with Poké Ball controller.
From: Tiger Electronics



Poké Ball
Wanna catch 'em all? Well, now you can, and in one Poké Ball! It must have a sizeably super storage system.
From: Tiger Electronics



Pikachu Sampler
Tired of the little yella fella just saying 'Pikachu'? Well, now you can put your own words into the little rodent's mouth with this ace Pikachu voice recording toy.
From: Project K

Pokémon Pencil Toppers
Get a Pokémon on your pencil with these super cool toppers. You also get four Topps cards thrown in. Sweet.
From: Project K



Pokémon Turbo Top Launcher
You'll have trouble catching these top-tastic turbo powered Pokémon. Twist 'em up and watch them go!
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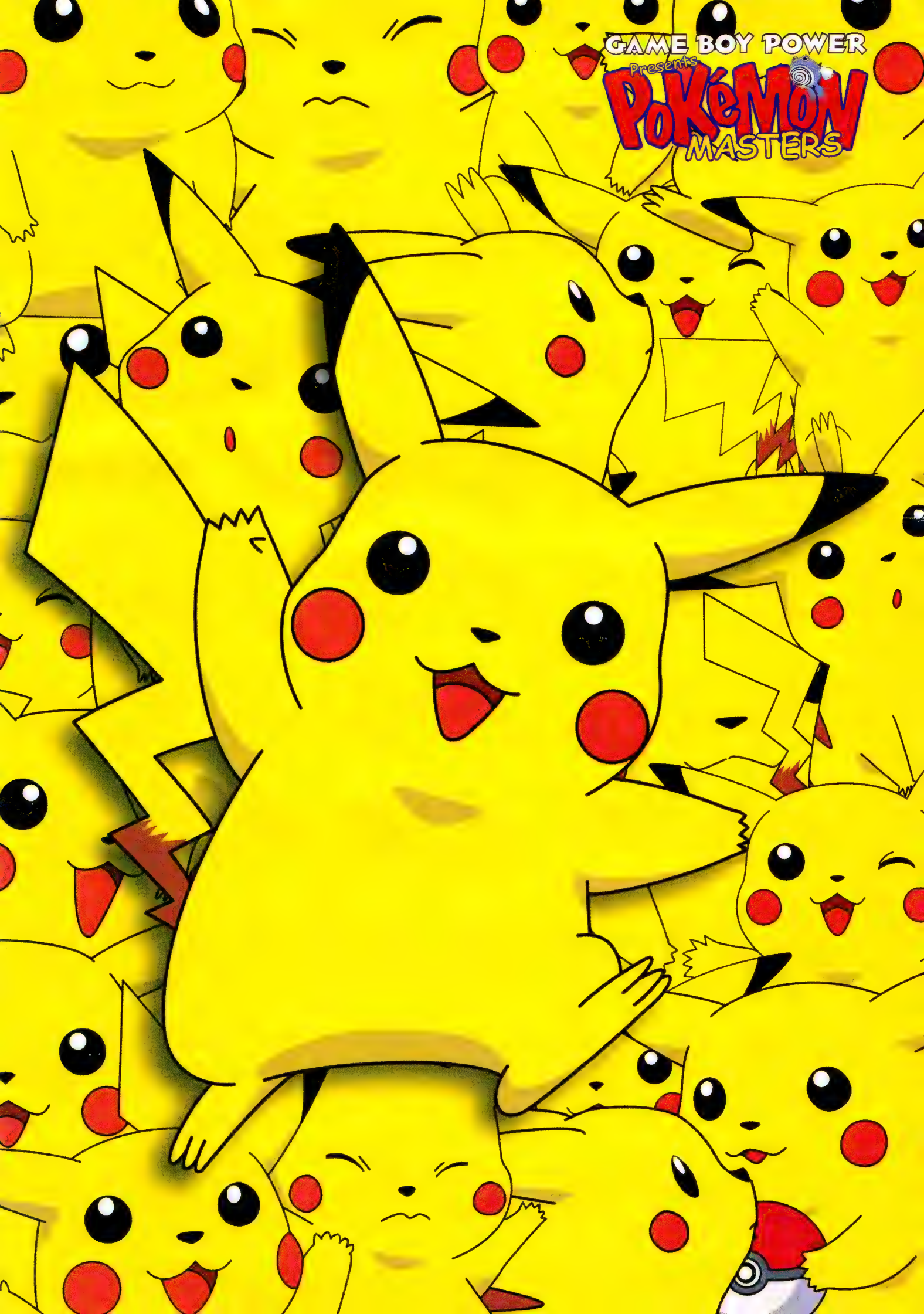
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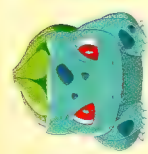
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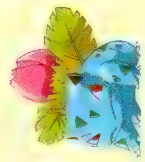
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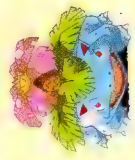




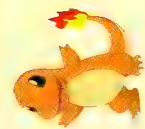
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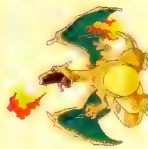
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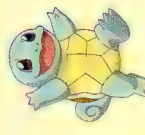
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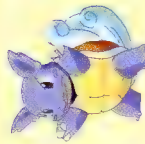
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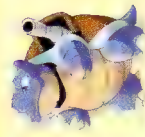
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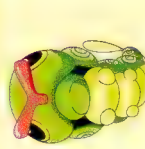
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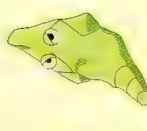
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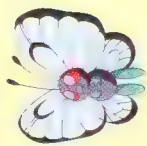
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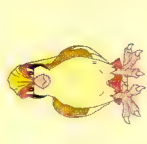
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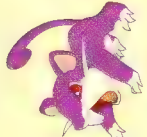
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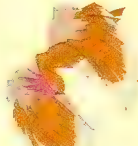
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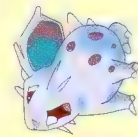
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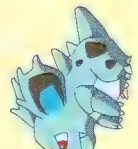
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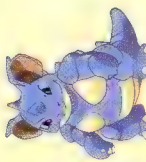
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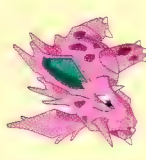
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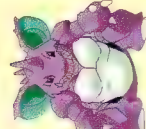
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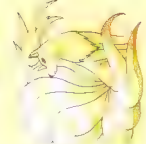
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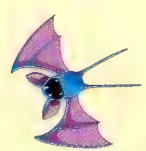
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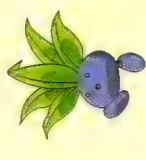
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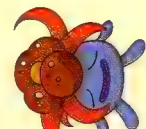
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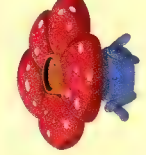
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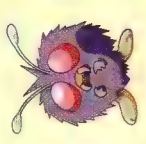
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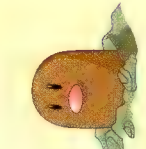
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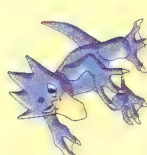
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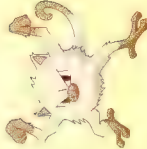
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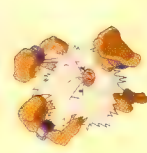
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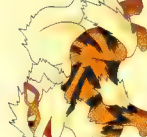
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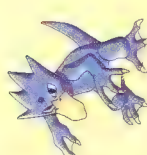
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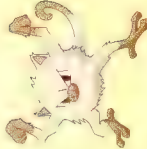
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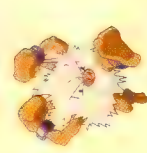
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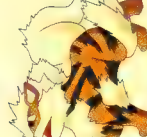
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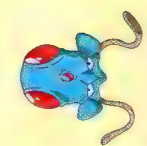
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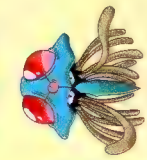
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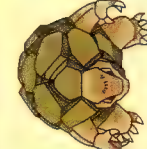
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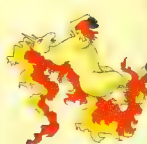
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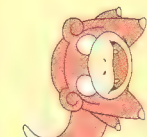
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POKÉMON

Gotta catch 'em all™



GAME BOY POWER

Presents
POKÉMON
MASTERS

#25 Pikachu

What's yellow, cute 'n' cuddly, handy to have around during a powercut, and the most popular Pokémon of all time? Take a bow, Mr Pikachu!

Poképrofile

Name: Pikachu
Pokémon Type: Electric
Height: 1' 04"
Weight: 13 lbs
Evolves into: #26, Raichu

History

According to the original Pokémon Red and Blue games, Pikachu can be found in the Viridian Forest. However, in the cartoon, he appears a lot sooner. Ash wakes up late on his first day as a Pokémon Trainer, arriving at Professor Oak's Training Centre after Bulbasaur, Charmander and Squirtle have already been chosen. He finds himself lumbered with the Pokémon no-one else wanted... Pikachu!

An uneasy partnership at first, Ash and Pikachu soon become firm friends after they see off a flock of Spearows together. Since then, Ash and Pikachu have travelled the world, cataloguing and collecting Pokémon.

Pikachu's Finest Hour

Pikachu's finest hour was when he took on his evolved alter-ego, Raichu. Appropriately, this episode of the cartoon was called Electric Shock Showdown.

Zzaapty, zzap!



5 Pikachu Facts

1. Pikachu was Ash's first Pokémon.
2. In the first 52 episodes of the cartoon, Pikachu won 21 battles and only lost six. What a power-punching Pokémon!
3. In a declaration of independence, Pikachu refuses to live inside a Pokéball (apparently it's far too uncomfortable!).
4. At Level 43, Pikachu evolves the tasty Thunder electric attack.
5. Want to know the origin of Pikachu's name? Pika apparently means 'blinking', whilst Chu means 'squeak'. So, Blinking Squeak it is, then!

Starring In...



Pokémon Red & Blue

The original and still the best... Pikachu made his first appearance in Red & Blue's

Viridian Forest. The forthcoming Pokémon Yellow is essentially a remake, using the characters from the cartoon, but you have access to Pikachu from the start.

Pokémon Stadium

Pokémon punch-ups in 3D? It can only mean the Pokémon have invaded the Nintendo 64. If you haven't already got one of these amazing consoles, you'll be pleased to hear you can buy a limited-edition pack with the game included.

Pokémon Snap

Say Pika-cheese! You need plenty of camera film to snap all the Pokémon on this Pokémon-infested island called... er, Pokémon Island. Apparently, there are 63 Pokémon waiting to be discovered in this fun photographic adventure.

Super Smash Brothers

Smash, bang, wallop! It's a tussle of the videogaming greats in this fantastically fun beat-'em-up. As well as the likes of Mario, Link and Donkey Kong, you can also play as Pikachu. Keep an eye out for Jigglypuff as well (he's a hidden character).



Pokémon STADIUM



PRICE - £49.99
PUBLISHER - Nintendo
RELEASED - Out now
TYPE OF GAME - Fighting
PLATFORM - N64

Battling Pokémon on the Game Boy is exciting, but how cool would it be to see the punch-ups in 3-D? Well, luckily for us, Nintendo thought the same thing and has brought out Pokémon Stadium!

WHAT'S THE STORY?

Simple really. Using the Transfer Pak device that comes with the Pokémon Stadium game, you can load all of your collected Pokémon from Red, Blue and Yellow into a 3-D battle arena. In fact, you don't even need to have the Game Boy version of the game to enjoy Pokémon Stadium, as there are a host of critters that you can 'rent'.

MOVIE INTRO

As soon as you plunk the Pokémon Stadium cartridge into the Nintendo 64, you get treated to a gorgeous 3-D mini-movie of the Pokémon heading to the stadium. It's just like watching the cartoon!



KID'S CLUB

If you fancy a change from the battle arenas, there are nine mini-games in the Kid's Club. These are four player games, but if you're short of friends, the computer will step in to fill in the gaps. In Thundering Dynamo, you need to tap the same colour button as the one displayed on the lamp to charge up your electricity meter. The losers get a nasty shock as a punishment. Dig! Dig! Dig! requires you to take control of Sandslash and dig down into the ground to be the first to find water.



LIMITED EDITION POKÉMON N64

To coincide with the release of Pokémon Stadium, Nintendo has wisely made a limited-edition N64. Check out the blue and yellow colour scheme of this ickle beauty. The bundle includes the console, two control pads, the Transfer Pak and a copy of the game for £99. Considering that the game on its own is almost £50, we reckon that this is quite a good deal.

POKÉMON GAME BOY

As well as transferring your Game Boy data to the Nintendo 64, the Transfer Pak also allows you to play Pokémon Red, Blue or Yellow on your television through the N64. It even colours in the black and white graphics. Cool, eh?



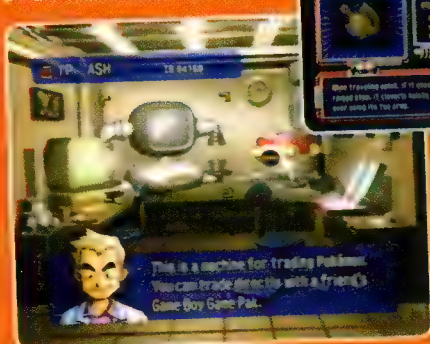
arena action

Either use the Pokémon you've collected in Red, Blue and Yellow, or choose some from the selection menu, and duke it out against the computer or a friend. The battle mode is just the same as the Game Boy version, as you each take turns choosing

an attack. However, the main difference is that you get to see what the attacks look like in full colour and 3-D!



POKÉMON LAB



Ah-hai! Why not pay a visit to Professor Oak at the local Pokémon Lab? Here you can arrange all the Pokémon and items you collected in the Red, Blue and Yellow versions of the Game Boy title. There's even a 3-D version of the Pokédex!

+ STRENGTHS

- It's Pokémon in 3-D!
- Fun mini-games option
- You can play the Game Boy version on your N64
- Cool Pokémon Lab

- WEAKNESSES

- The Stadium mode might get a bit boring
- It won't be compatible with Gold or Silver
- Only four arena Cups
- A little bit expensive

GYM LEADER CASTLE

Relive your battles with the fearsome Elite Four from Pokémon Red, Blue and Yellow in full colour and in 3-D! The Gym Leader Castle allows you to take on the likes of Brock, with whatever Pokémon you like from the selection menu.



POKÉPOINTS



A thrilling 3-D Pokémon action experience!

SUPER SMASH BROTHERS



PRICE - £24.99
PUBLISHER - Nintendo
Released - Out now
Type of game - Beat 'em up
PLATFORM - N64

Calling all Pokémon fanatics! Would you like to see Pikachu blast Mario with a Thundershock Attack? Well, now you can, because Pikachu is just one of the Nintendo favourites starring in this great beat 'em up.

SMASH!

WHAT'S THE STORY?

The idea's a simple one - choose your character from the star-studded line-up of Nintendo's finest and prepare to do battle, Smash Brothers style! Fights take place on floating arenas and rather than simply bashing your opponents into the ground, you have to knock them off the platforms. The idea is to inflict enough damage on your opponents so they can't super jump their way back to safety.



MEET THE GANG



Here's your starting line-up of smashing super brothers. Recognise any faces?

POW!

SMASHING CHARACTERS

Nintendo characters are famous the world over and this is the first time that they've all shared the same screen. Here's some of the faces you'll see in the game.

BANG!



PIKACHU

Yep, he's in Super Smash Brothers, he's fully charged and he's ready to rumble. His lightning attacks will give anyone a shock and he's constantly chattering 'Pik-Pik-Pikachu!'



DONKEY KONG

He's big, he's hairy and he likes bananas. Don't be fooled though, this monkey's no chump. If he starts banging his hands, you'd better watch out!



YOSHI

A good chum of Mario, the long-tongued little fella loves nothing more than swallowing you up and laying you back out as an egg! Eggs-tremely rude behaviour!



MARIO

One of the most famous characters in video-gaming history. His brother Luigi is also on hand to help out. Oh, look-out for Metal Mario, he's as hard as steel!

BIFF!

SMASH!



The stages consist of various locations that are linked with the game's characters. There's Hyrule Castle for Link and a jungle arena for Donkey Kong. Each level also has its own traditional music; Fox McCloud's level plays the music from Lylat Wars and Pikachu's level plays the music from the Pokémon cartoon. We also get treated to plenty of guest appearances from various Pokémon. You even get to play in Saffron City. Bonus!

BANG!

smash attack

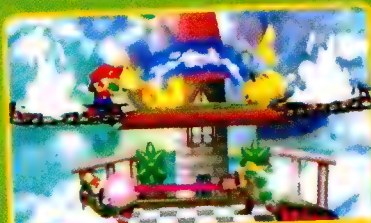
If you've played any Nintendo games before, you'll probably recognise some of these impressive character attacks.

another level

You may recognise some of the levels in Super Smash Brothers. That's because they're locations from other Nintendo games. Check them out...



Link is under attack on Yoshi's Island.



Mario gets shocked on Peach's Castle.



DK winds up for a big punch in Saffron City



Kirby attacks Link at Hyrule Castle.



YOSHI

IN ONE END AND OUT THE OTHER - AS AN EGG!



LINK

Whoa! Check out Link's super-nifty sword action.



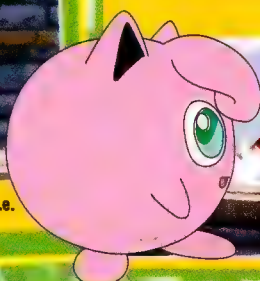
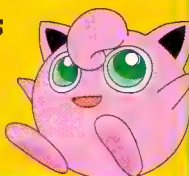
PIKACHU

As always, the yella fella is ready with some super-charged electric attacks.

BIFF!

JIGGLYPUFF...ZZZZ

Complete the game with Pikachu and you'll unlock Jigglypuff. However, poor Jigglypuff isn't really cut out for fighting and is often on the wrong end of a beating.



GUEST Pokémon

Although you can only play as Pikachu or Jigglypuff, you do get to see many more Pokémon in the game. These are some of the pocket punchers that will appear during the fights.



CHARMANDER



VOLTORB



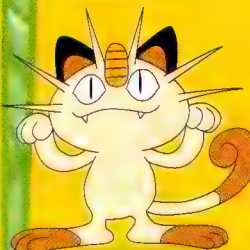
PORYGON



HITMONLEE



SNORLAX



MEOWTH



KOFFING

+ STRENGTHS

- Fight as Pikachu
- Loads of Pokémon make guest appearances
- Four player action is loads of fun
- Nice twist on the beat 'em up genre

- weaknesses

- One player game is short-lived
- Jigglypuff is pretty useless
- Choosing your player can be confusing
- Can't play as more Pokémon

POKÉPOINTS



It's a whole lot of Poké punching fun!

POKÉMON RED & BLUE



PRICE - £24.99
PUBLISHER - Nintendo
RELEASED - Out now
TYPE OF GAME - RPG
PLATFORM - Game Boy

Once upon-a-time there were no Pokémon. Let's take a look at the game that started it all...

WHAT'S THE STORY?

You play the part of a 10-year old boy (Ash in the cartoon) who lives in Pallet Town. He's a curious lad, who dreams of one day becoming the greatest Pokémon trainer in the whole land. Your first task in the game is to pay a visit to the Pokémon expert, Professor Oak and choose one of three Pokémon - Bulbasaur, Charmander or Squirtle.



PICK a POKÉMON

Your first Pokémon is given to you by Prof. Oak. But which one will you choose?



CHARMANDER
LIZARD

HT 2' 00"

No. 004

WT 19.0 lb

Obviously prefers hot places. When it rains, steam

CHARMANDER

Does this fiery fellow take your fancy? He's a slow learner, but he evolves into the mighty fire-breathing Charmeleon.



SQUIRTLE
TINYTURTLE

HT 1' 08"

No. 007

WT 20.0 lb

After birth, its back swells and hardens into a

SQUIRTLE

If you would prefer something a little less hot, this water Pokémon may be for you. He looks a real cutie, but he's got some really powerful moves.



BULBASAU
SEED

HT 2' 04"

No. 001

WT 15.0 lb

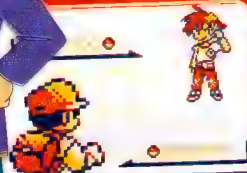
The plant sprouts and grows with this POKÉMON.

BULBASAU

This grass Pokémon is a really fast learner and he'll evolve into a super awesome Ivysaur at no time at all.

LET'S FIGHT!

Your first fight is against - you've guessed it - Gary! How well will your Pokémon do in its first battle?

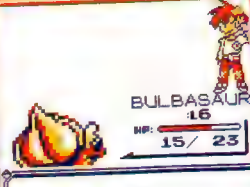


GARY wants

You can't run away from this - you must fight!



The two Pokémon prepare to do battle.



GARY: WHAT?

Want Gary's beaten and he can't believe it! (Smell us later Grr!)

POKÉMON CENTRES

If your Pokémon are feeling a bit battle-weary, you can get them back to fitness in the Pokémon Centres.



The nurse is very helpful and she loves Pokémon.



Hand over your CAPTURED CREATURES and she'll restore them back to full health.



You can use the PC in the centres to store your POKÉMON.





On your adventure, you'll meet all sorts of people who you can talk to. Many are collecting Pokémon and will want to challenge you to a fight. You will also encounter wild Pokémon that you can fight and catch in your Pokéballs. These captured creatures can then be stored at the Pokémon centres and their data added to your Pokédex. Can you become a Pokémon Master and catch 'em all?

FIGHTING TALK

On your adventure, you'll meet lots of other Pokémon trainers and they'll all want to fight you.



POKÉMON! Come on!
Let's battle 'em!

OTHER TRAINERS, LIKE BUG
CATCHERS, WILL ALL WANT
TO TRY AND DEFEAT YOUR ARMY
OF POKÉMON.



BUG CATCHER wants
to fight!

UNLESS FIGHTING WILD
POKÉMON, YOU WON'T BE ABLE
TO RUN FROM TRAINER FIGHTS.



ASH got \$60
for winning!

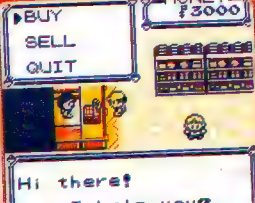
BEAT THE TRAINERS TO BE
AWARDED WITH A CASH PRIZE!
THE MORE YOU BEAT, THE
MORE MONEY YOU'LL GET.

POKÉMARTS

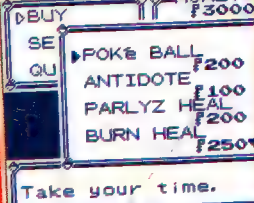
Where do Pokémon Masters go shopping? In Pokémarts of course! These shops are where you can buy important Poké goods that will help you in your adventure.



Go and see THE HELPFUL
POKÉMART ASSISTANT AT
THE COUNTER.



Hi there!
May I help you?
So, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO
DO? BUY OR SELL? THE CHOICE
IS YOURS.



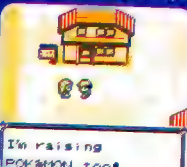
Take your time.
LOOK AT ALL THE STUFF YOU
CAN BUY HERE, THOSE POKÉ
BALLS SHOULD COME IN HANDY.

CHARACTERS

You'll meet lots of weird and wonderful characters on your travels. It's worth talking to all the people you meet as they will often give you useful information.



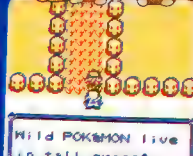
Ahh, I've had my
coffee now and I



I'm raising
POKÉMON too!



OLD MAN used
POKÉ BALL!



Wild POKÉMON live
in tall grass!

CATCH 'em ALL

To become a Pokémon Master, you know you've gotta catch 'em all. Make sure you've always got a couple of Poké Balls handy.



Wild RATTATA
appeared!

YOU'LL COME ACROSS LOTS OF
WILD POKÉMON ON YOUR TRAVELS.



PIDGEY
HP: 14
17 / 17

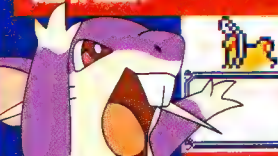
ASH used
POKÉ BALL!

WEAKEN THE OPPONENT BEFORE
THROWING YOUR POKÉ BALL!



RATTATA was
caught!

IF YOU'RE LUCKY, THE POKÉMON
WILL BE CHASED.



RATTATA
HP: 14
9 / 17

FIGHT FIGHT
ITEM RUN

YOU CAN USE THE CHASED CONDITION
TO FIGHT COMMON POKÉMON.

+ STRENGTHS

- Cool characters
- Trade via the link cable
- Get your own Pikachu
- The best game on the Game Boy

- weaknesses

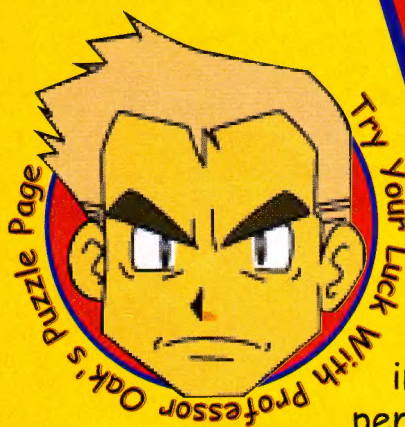
- Pokémon will take over your life
- It isn't free
- Wave goodbye to your spare time
- Um...that's about it!

POKÉPOINTS



Quite simply Poké perfection.
Buy it now.

ARE YOU A POKÉMON MASTER?



Welcome to Professor Oak's Puzzle Page, designed for those annoying moments when the batteries go dead in your Game Boy. All you need is a pen or pencil, and a Pokémon training certificate... just kiddin' about that last one!



Wartortle's Word Search

Look carefully at this grid of seemingly-random letters. Do you see something unusual? If you have the eyes of a Jigglypuff, you should be able to find the following ten Poké-related words. Circle the correct letters, either up, down, diagonal or across, to spell out the words.

1. Pokemon
2. Raichu
3. Pokeball
4. Nintendo
5. Jigglypuff
6. Oak
7. Blastoise
8. Ash
9. Mewtwo
10. Master

Z	B	P	O	K	E	M	O	N	N
K	A	O	M	E	W	T	W	O	I
O	D	K	E	T	D	J	N	T	N
Y	G	E	N	S	C	O	I	L	T
B	K	B	E	Q	M	H	N	Q	E
N	R	A	I	C	H	U	T	A	N
H	I	L	T	Q	N	Z	O	E	D
N	S	L	R	E	T	S	A	M	O
B	L	A	S	T	O	I	S	E	Y
F	F	U	P	Y	L	G	G	I	J



Pikachu's Pik-A-Boo

Where's Pikachu? Being a sneaky monkey, I've carefully plastered this mini-pic of Pikachu throughout this special issue of Game Boy Power. But what I want to know is how many times I've done it (including his appearance here). Best get your magnifying glass out!

Flareon's Fill In The Blanks



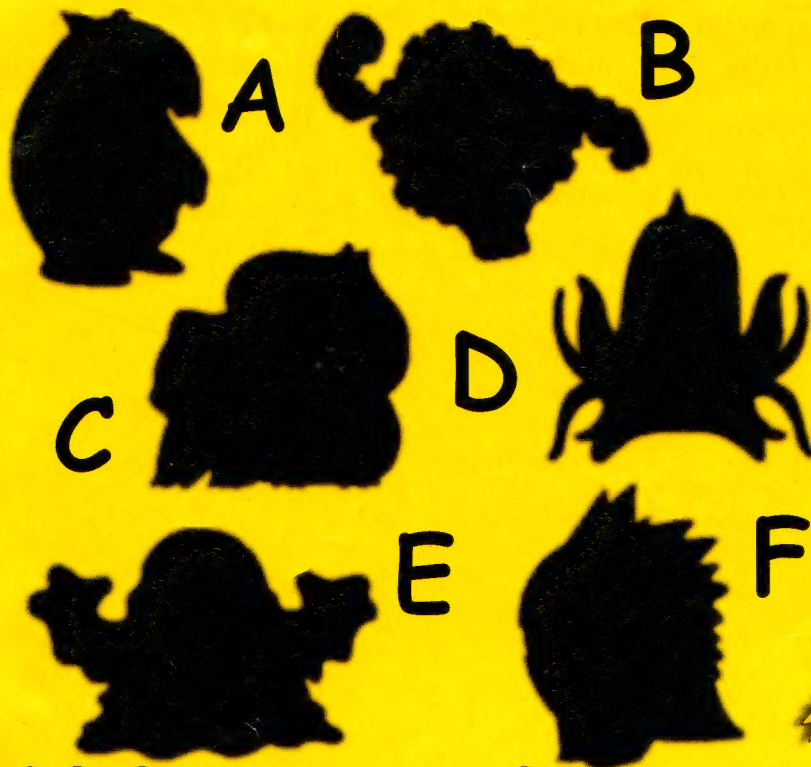
Whoops! Looks like our Pokédex is playing up! Can you figure out what Pokémon-related videogame titles Flareon was trying to type out? Fill in the blanks with the correct letters to spell out five excellent Pokémon games.

1. Pokémon Y _ l _ o _
2. Pokémon _ e _
3. Pokémon S _ a d _ u _
4. Pokémon P _ n _ a _ l
5. _ u p _ r S _ a _ h _ r _ t _ e r s



Snorlax's Shadow Play

Hey! Who turned out the lights? Can you help Snorlax figure out who these Pokémon are just by their silhouettes?



Think you know your Pikachu from a pineapple? Then try your luck against Poliwhirl's ten perplexingly puzzle-tastic Pokémon questions.

1. Who is your main Pokémon-catching rival in Pokémon Red and Blue?
2. What's the name of the Pokémon-expert professor?
3. What is the name of the villainous clone Pokémon in The First Movie?
4. What can Psyduck evolve into?
5. Which one of the following Pokémon does not appear in Pokémon Red: Primeape, Meowth, Ekans or Gloom?
6. What kind of Elemental Stone do you need to evolve Poliwhirl into Poliwrath?
7. Pokémon is a combination of two English words. What are they?
8. In Pokémon Red and Blue, you get to choose from three starting Pokémon. Bulbasaur and Squirtle are two of them, but what's the other one called?
9. Name Ash's home town.
10. What was the best-selling toy in Japan during 1997?



Alakazam's Answers



Want to know how well you did (or didn't!)? Then ask Alakazam - after all, he apparently has an I.Q. of 5,000!

5. Super Smash Brothers
4. Pokémon Pinball
3. Pokémon Stadium

Flareon's Fill In The Blanks
1. Pokémon Yellow
2. Pokémon Red

Pikachu's Pik-A-Boo
Pikachu appears 22 times



Wartortle's Word Search

POKÉMON
MASTERS

TRADING CARD

TIPS

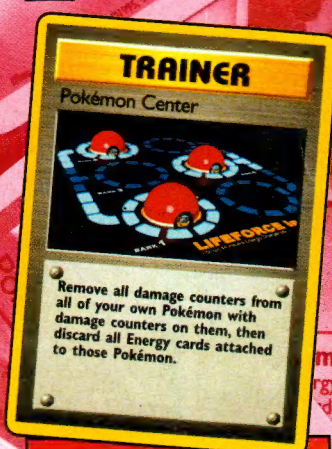
Is your deck weaker than a Voltorb in a power cut? A good deck should contain good trainers. Here are our favourites from the basic series...

BEST TRAINERS



POKÉMON TRADER

+ If current tactics aren't working, this trainer can often wipe the smile off your opponent's face as you bring out the perfect Pokémon for the situation.



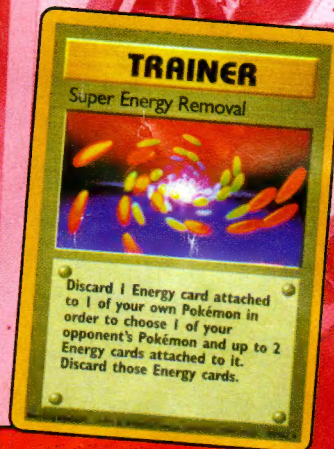
POKÉMON CENTRE

+ If you've messed up and your Pokémon have sustained some serious damage, play this and wipe the slate clean. You'll lose your energy cards, but it's worth it.



SCOOP UP

+ A great trainer that keeps your opponent's hands off their prizes. If your Chansey has taken some blows while being active, play this and watch your opponent weep.



SUPER ENERGY REMOVAL

+ If your Pokémon is taking a beating, play this trainer and turn your opponent's active Pokémon's attack from something into nothing.



BILL

+ Simple but effective when you want to turn a decent hand into a devastating one.



PROFESSOR OAK

+ Probably the strongest trainer there is. Every deck should have Prof. Oak for those desperate situations.



ENERGY REMOVAL

+ Not as effective as Super Energy Removal, but can still be super-annoying for your opponent.



ITEM FINDER

+ Another good one when you're really up against it and running out of options. Basically, it's as good as your other Trainer cards.

